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The Honorable John Creighton
The Honorable Patricia Davis
The Honorable Bob Edwards
The Honorable Alec Fisk
The Honorable Lloyd Hara
Port of Seattle Commission
P.O. Box 1209
Seattle, WA 98111

Dear Port of Seattle Commissioners:

I would like to commend the Port of Seattle for reconsidering the sediment disposal options for the Terminal 30 dredging project. We also share the Port's commitment to the new Puget Sound Partnership's goal of restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020. I would like to offer my support for the motion proposed by Commissioner Creighton to revisit upland disposal of the dredged sediments in lieu of open water disposal.

King County shares some responsibility for removal of contaminated sediments that are associated with historical discharges from the Lander Street CSO that are within the area to be dredged so I have directed county staff to partner with the Port of Seattle to explore the various technical solutions, upland disposal options and financing of other alternatives. We are committed to do this as quickly as possible to ensure that the Port's various projects for economic development of the waterfront stay on schedule.

I strongly commend the Port for its commitment to be among the "greenest, cleanest and most energy efficient" ports in the world. King County was pleased to partner with the Port on our recently completed study of cruise ship waste disposal and our continued collaboration to study the feasibility of land-side disposal of bio-solids generated on cruise ships. I remain steadfastly committed to ensuring King County is a model government for aggressively addressing the challenge of recovering the health of Puget Sound.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me or Maura Brueger, who serves as my point person on the Puget Sound Partnership's efforts. Maura can be reached, at 206-296-4001, or by e-mail, at maura.brueger@kingcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Sims", with a large, stylized initial "R" and "S".

Ron Sims
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cc: King County Council

ATTN: Ross Baker, Chief of Staff

Nancy Glaser, Policy Staff Director

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

David Dicks, Executive Director, Puget Sound Partnership

Theresa Jennings, Director, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

Christie True, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, King County DNRP

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